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For:	DATA PROCESSING	)	
	APPARATUS AND DATA	:	
	PROCESSING METHOD, AND	)	
	COMPUTER PROGRAM	:	January 4, 2007

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Publication No. 2006/0149835

The listed U.S. Publication corresponds to Application No. 10/536,874, which was referenced in the body of the August 10, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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